

RESOLUTION ON THE COMMITTEE FOR NOMINATING
AN AFRICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF
U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 18 to 20 July, 1985,

Having heard the proposal of the Liberian Head of State on the imperative need for Africa to present a candidate for the post of U.N. Secretary-General at the expiration of the term of the incumbent Secretary-General in 1986,

Noting that after almost forty years of the existence of the United Nations Organization, an African has not been privileged to fill this important position,

Convinced that the appointment of an African to serve as Secretary-General of the United Nations would reinforce the universality of the Organization and contribute immeasurably towards the achievement of the noble tenets of the United Nations Organization,

Conscious of the imperative need to forge a common position on the nomination of an African candidate as well as to solicit international support prior to the expiration of the term of the present Secretary-General;

1. **DECIDES** to establish a Nominating Committee consisting of representatives from two countries from each of the five regions of the OAU to be nominated by the current Chairman in consultation with the regions concerned which should make recommendations on the above resolution and report to the Twenty-second Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;
2. **INSTRUCTS** the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to follow this question closely.

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